

Remarks/Arguments:

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action indicated that the references considered on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 15, 2005 were not considered because "the search report filed on 11/15/05 is insufficient to determine the relevance of the references." Applicant wishes to point out that pursuant to MPEP § 609 (a) III, second paragraph, "Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, **the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.**" This may be an explanation of which portion of the reference is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an 'X', 'Y', or 'A' indication on a search report." Because Applicant submitted the English-language search report which satisfies the requirements of this section of the MPEP, the concise explanation of relevance has been satisfied. Thus, Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 15, 2005.

Title

The title was objected to as not being descriptive. The title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, accordingly, this ground for objection is overcome.

Claim Objections

Claims 2, 7, 12 and 23 were objected to for informalities. With regard to claims 2, 12 and 23, this ground for objection is overcome by the cancellation of these claims. With regard to claim 7, this ground for objection is overcome by the amendments to claim 7.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) and claims 1-7, 10-25, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of AAPA and Scheremeta (U.S. patent no. 6,066,843). These grounds for rejection are overcome by the cancellation of claims 1-5, 8, 11-14, 16-24, 26 and 28 and by the amendment of claims 6, 15 and 25.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that claims 8, 9 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. By this amendment, claim 6 is amended to include the limitations of claim 8 and claim 25 is amended to include the limitations of claim 26. Accordingly, claims 6 and 25 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 7, 9 and 10 depend from claim 6 and claim 27 depends from claim 25. Accordingly, these claims are also in condition for allowance. In addition, Claim 15 is amended to include the limitations of claim 16 and is further amended to include limitations similar to the limitations of amended claim 6. Accordingly, claim 15 and claim 17 which depends from it are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of AAPA and Scheremeta.

Furthermore, it is noted neither AAPA, Scheremeta nor their combination discloses or suggests that the voltage of the constant outside light component is held when a light emitting element is off, that the held voltage is converted to an electric current, and that the converted current is added to the pulse signal irradiated from a light emitting element to a windshield of a vehicle, as required by amended claim 15. Thus, claim 15 and claim 17 which depends from it are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of AAPA and Scheremeta.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objections to the title, the objections to the claims and the rejection of claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 17, 25 and 27.

Respectfully submitted,



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